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SUBJECT:CANADIAN DECISION TO DEPORT GENERAL DANG VAN QUANG

1. CANADIAN CHARGE MCKINNEY CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VINE JULY 2 TO INFORM USG THAT GOC HAS DECIDED TO REVOKE MINISTERIAL PERMIT WHEREBY GENERAL DANG VAN QUANG ADMITTED TO CANADA. CANADIAN DECISION WILL BE CONVEYED TO QUANG EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. MCKINNEY EXPLAINED THAT AFTER QUANG IS INFORMED HE COULD EITHER LEAVE CANADA VOLUNTARILY OR WOULD HAVE RIGHT TO APPEAL DECISION IN ATTEMPT TO GAIN STATUS AS REFUGEE BEFORE DEPORTATION. IF QUANG MUST BE DEPORTED, MCKINNEY SAID THAT GOC WOULD SEEK TO FIND THIRD COUNTRY

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WHICH WOULD ACCEPT HIM. HE NOTED THAT, IN PRINCIPLE, QUANG COULD BE SENT BACK TO VIETNAM BUT THAT GOC RECOGNIZES THE DIFFICULTY IN MAKING SUCH A DECISION.

3. MCKINNEY STRESSED THAT GOC WAS NOT ASKING USG TO ACCEPT QUANG, BUT WONDERED WHAT US WOULD DO IF QUANG SOUGHT ENTRY INTO US. VINE REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT GIVE A DEFINITIVE ANSWER BUT ADDED THAT OBVIOUSLY SUCH A MATTER WOULD HAVE SERIOUS POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS IN THE US, AS IT HAD IN CANADA, GIVEN QUANG'S UNSAVORY BACKGROUND.

4. MCKINNEY SAID THAT GOC DECISION TO DEPORT QUANG WAS NOT EASY BECAUSE HIS WIFE ENJOYS LANDED IMMIGRANT STATUS IN CANADA AND HE COULD NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT QUANG HIMSELF HAD RECEIVED GOC VISA LETTER FROM CANADIAN EMBASSY IN SAIGON EARLIER IN THE YEAR.

5. IN CONCLUSION, MCKINNEY STATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF HIS CALL WAS TO INFORM THE USG OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT DECISION WHICH WAS CLEARLY PREMISED ON THE DETERMINATION OF GOC THAT SOMEHOW OR OTHER QUANG HAD TO LEAVE CANADA. BECAUSE OF FACT THAT QUANG HAD ENTERED CANADA VIA THE US, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, IF IT HAD TO DEPORT QUANG, MIGHT SEEK US HELP IN THE EFFORT TO HAVE A THIRD COUNTRY ACCEPT QUANG. HE NOTED THAT IN THE CASE OF SOME POTENTIAL THIRD COUNTRIES, SUCH AS TAIWAN, CANADA DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND WOULD NEED US HELP. IN ANY EVENT, GOC WOULD APPRECIATE US COOPERATION, AS NECESSARY, IN HELPING RESOLVE QUANG PROBLEM. VINE SAID THAT WE WOULD BE CONSIDERING PROBLEM AND SUGGESTED THAT THE EMBASSY KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENT AS DEVELOPMENTS UNFOLD NEXT WEEK. INGERSOLL

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